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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PROPOSAL ON KOREAN ISSUE

1. AMBASSADOR SAITO SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON JAPANESE PROPOSALS ON KOREA INCLUDED IN MEMORANDUM AND DRAFT RESOLUTION HANDED TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN BY SAITO AND DATAFAXED TO DEPARTMENT FOR ATTENTION ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM AT MIDDAY NOVEMBER 7.
2. SAITO EXPLAINED THAT MEMORANDUM THAT HE HAD GIVEN MOYNIHAN REPRESENTED "NOTE VERBALE " WITH IDEAS OF JAPANESE FOR POSSIBLE BILATERAL CONTACTS BETWEEN USG AND DPRK. (WE CAN SEE SYG HAND BEHIND SCENES WITH JAPANESE). JAPANESE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE U.S. THOUGHTS ON POSSIBILITY SET DOWN IN THEIR NOTE VERBALE. AS FOR THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, SAITO URGED THAT IF WE SHOULD AGREE WITH IT, JAPANESE WOULD THEN SEEK TO FIND A NEUTRAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE DRAFT RESOLUTION. SAITO SAID HE WANTED TO PUT STRESS ON THE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF DRAFT RES WHICH "URGES ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO AGREE ON ALL STEPS" (UNDERLINE "TO AGREE ON ALL STEPS") WHICH WILL ENABLE TE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND ON A DATE AGREED UPON BY THESE PARTIES. SAITO SAID HE WANTED TO PUT STRESS ON UNDERLINED WORDS "TO AGREE ON ALL STEPS".

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3. SAITO WAS SOMEWHAT FUZZY IN HIS PRESENTATION BUT HIS IDEA SEEMS TO BE THAT THIS RESOLUTION WOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF THE TWO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN COMMITTEE ONE, HE SPOKE ALSO OF POSSIBILITY THAT SECRETARY GENERAL COULD SERVE AS GO-BETWEEN IN ARRANGING CONTACT BETWEEN USG AND DPRK.

4. SAITO SAID HE HAD NO CONTACT WITH ROK ON THIS MATTER. HE THOUGHT THAT WAS BETTER LEFT FOR U.S. TO HANDLE.

5. TEXT OF JAPANESE NOTE VERBALE AND DRAFT RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

1. FOR THE COMING PLENARY SESSION, WE SHALL DO OUR UTMOST TO LOBBY FOR AS MANY VOTES AS POSSIBLE IN SUPPORT OF OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. ALONG WITH THIS LOBBYING EFFORT, WE WISH TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR ATTENTION:
THE VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF KOREA TOLD THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS READY TO TAKE UP QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ONLY WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS READY TO INCLUDE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES, IN THE TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

IN THE LIGHT OF THIS INFORMATION, WE REQUEST YOUR COMMENT ON THE ADVISABILITY OF THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

(A) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA WOULD MAKE CONTACT INFORMALLY TO TAKE UP THE ISSUES OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, PROVIDED THAT THE TRI-PARTITE TALKS BETWEEN THE SOUTH KOREA, NORTH KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES WILL DEFINITELY BE HELD LATER.

(B) IN THIS INFORMAL CONTACT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CAPACITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENTS WHICH DISPATCHED ARMED FORCES TO KOREA, AND OF SOUTH KOREA.

(C) AT THE PLENARY SESSION WE SHALL TRY TO OBTAIN THE ADOPTION OF A NEW DRAFT RESOLUTION, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, IN COOPERATION WITH THE INTERMEDIARY COUNTRIES.

(THE NEW DRAFT RESOLUTION INDICATES THAT AS A FIRST STEP, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL HOLD SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE NORTH KOREA, AND WILL THEN SUBMIT

HIS SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE DATE OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, AND ALSO REGARDING THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND).
DRAFT RESOLUTION

1. REAFFIRMS THE WISHES OF ITS MEMBERS AS EXPRESSED IN THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT ADOPTED AT THE 28TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 28 NOVEMBER 1973, AND URGES BOTH THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH OF KOREA TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY THEIR DIALOGUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NORTH-SOUTH JOINT STATEMENT OF 7 JULY 1972.
 2. URGES ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO AGREE ON STEPS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND ON A DATE AGREED UPON BY THESE PARTIES.
 3. REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE FOR ACHIEVING SUCH AGREEMENT MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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